

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES VULNERABLE

Its Open Season for them and All Must Watch Their Step

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 1.—The open season for presidential candidates is upon the country, with every prospective candidate vulnerable.

Every word, every gesture, every act of the little group of men whom common opinion lists among the eligibles is subject to interpretation in these days, and so it will be until the conventions assemble in their raucous way next June and put an end to doubt.

The few select who are within the group of prospective candidates chafe at the necessity of living in glass houses, become a bit nervous in their public appearances, because over-cautions and over-careful in their speech and actions—a psychological attitude that explains the vague pronouncements on leading issues to which most hopeful resort a few months before the conventions.

ROOSEVELT WATCHED

Every act and word of Governor Franklin Roosevelt of New York is carefully considered, since he is regarded one of the best bets for the Democratic nomination. His tiffs with the Tammany Tiger whatever may be their real meaning and import, are interpreted, analyzed, and given wide publicity over the nation. A break with Tammany, say some, would greatly strengthen his chances, especially in the south. But on the other hand, say others, how can he win the nomination, the first essential, without Tammany's support? Thus goes the argument and the drawing room and the speaker's resort to it.

Another Governor, Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland, is a rival of Roosevelt. The other day he made a speech attacking government and state ownership and operation of power projects, except in certain cases, among which he listed the Muscle Shoals and the Boulder dam projects. The speech was immediately seized upon as Ritchie's challenge to Roosevelt on what is looked upon as one of the strongest issues of the New York governor.

OWEN D. YOUNG

Owen D. Young, chairman of board of General Electric, is regarded favorably in some Democratic circles. When he came down to Washington recently to begin organization of an unemployment relief campaign for President Hoover's unemployment organization, he was confronted naturally by the press. Young usually handles himself well on such occasions—calm, composed, the master of himself. But there seemed to be a hesitancy about him on this occasion. He appeared nervous. He did not seem collected as he normally is when an attempt is made to corner him. Once or twice he turned to one of his associates to help him through a leading question.

Aha, some of the newspapermen inferred, he is thinking about the presidency! Whether he was or not is another matter.

Hartness Against Restoring Liquor

RALEIGH, Sept. 28.—Although he admits that sentiment seems to be growing throughout the state and the United States in favor of light wines and beer and modification of the prohibition laws, it will be a sad day for the country if beer and liquor ever come back, Secretary of State James A. Hartness believes.

"I have fought for prohibition and against liquor all my life because I have seen so much of the suffering and misery caused by it in the old days when liquor was sold on every street corner, and I do not believe that it would happen if it ever came back, especially with the number of automobiles we have today," Mr. Hartness said. "It would cause death and destruction and misery as never before."

There is no doubt, however, according to Mr. Hartness, that the widespread disregard and contempt for the prohibition laws has to some degree brought about a general disregard for all laws, with the result that there is more lawlessness of all sorts today than ever before.

"There never has been a time in my memory when there was so much stealing by rich and poor alike, or so much looting of banks by trusted officials as there is these days," Mr. Hartness continued. "But I do not believe the way to bring about law observance is to abolish laws. It would be just as sensible to advise abolishing the ten commandments merely because all the people do not obey them."

"What the country really needs is a return to the old standards of living, with the old time religion and fear of God and respect for the Bible and its teachings. People have turned away too far from the teachings of Christ and have come to depend much upon themselves. Instead of obeying the words of God to do good for others and be nice to their neighbors, a majority of people now are looking out only for their own selves. I do not believe that the prohibition laws will bring about the situation."

Gen. Lassiter Will End Army Service Soon

Present Hawaiian Commander Completes 40 Year's Duty Oct. 1

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Major Gen. William Lassiter, commander of the Hawaiian department and perhaps the army's premier globe-trotter, will retire at the end of this month, after more than two score years of military service.

Few officers have represented their country in so many foreign lands as Lassiter. Born in Petersburg, Va., 64 years ago, Lassiter when 18, was appointed to the U. S. Military academy, where he graduated four years later. Lassiter first faced fire during the Spanish-American war.

An unusual amount of Lassiter's service has been abroad. He has served three times in the Philippines. He was inspector general of the Cuban pacification in 1903 and 1909. In 1910 he visited China, Japan and Korea on leave. During the World War, Lassiter served in France. From 1923 to 1926 he commanded the Panama Canal department. At the end of his duty there he was ordered to South America as president of the plebiscitary commission on Tacna-Arica. In the same year he visited Europe and shortly afterward was assigned to his present post as commander of the Hawaiian department.

STORM FATAL TO CHILD, ONE MAN INJURED

Gramlin Spartanburg and Point Near Greer Suffer Wind and Lightning

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Sept. 28.—An eight-year-old child was killed and a farmer of the Gramlin section seriously hurt by lightning in electrical disturbances which swept over parts of Spartanburg county late Friday night and again on Saturday afternoon.

Mercie Brown, eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Groves Brown, of the Gilreath mill community, near Greer, was almost instantly killed and a brother and sister suffered serious shock when a bolt of lightning struck the Brown home shortly after one o'clock Saturday afternoon.

T. T. Gosnell, 40, a farmer of the Gramlin section was seriously hurt on Friday night when lightning struck the Gramlin school building near his home while he was standing on the back porch. Another bolt put the transformers of the Southern Public Utilities company sub-station out of commission and the Gramlin section was without lighting services.

At Spartanburg the storm on Saturday afternoon did considerable damage, due principally to high wind and electrical disturbances. Lightning struck a transformer at the South Liberty sub-station of the Southern Public Utilities company and caused damage estimated at about \$200. Another bolt struck a store building on West Main street, shattering a plate glass window and damaging goods on display in the window.

Cotton in the fields was damaged and it was estimated that many bales yet unpecked were blown from the bolls by the high wind which attained a velocity of 25 miles an hour. Telephone service also suffered as a result of the high velocity of the wind, but this damage had been repaired today.

Ford's Fiddling Protege Is Dead

Melle Dunham Was Expert Snowshoe Maker

LEWISTON, Me., Sept. 28.—Melle Dunham, age 79, famous old-time fiddler and protege of Henry Ford, died late Sunday at Central Maine hospital here. He underwent an operation for a stomach disorder last Tuesday.

Melle, whose full name was Alanson Melle Dunham, had been only a week when he left his home in Norway to come here to the hospital. Hospital physicians said that his illness ordinarily would not be considered grave but that the complication of old age hindered his recovery.

Melle was an expert maker of snowshoes and made thousands during his lifetime, many of them for famous personages.

The snowshoes Admiral Robert E. Peary wore on his expedition to the north pole in 1909, were made by Melle. But it was his fiddling that brought him into national prominence.

Henry Ford, interested in the revival of old-fashioned dances, heard of Melle's ability as a player of old-time tunes in 1925 and sent for him to come to Detroit. Melle sprang into instant fame and he and his wife, "Gram," toured the country, playing in vaudeville and over the radio. Their tour completed, they retired to their Norway home where Melle once more took up the making of snowshoes.



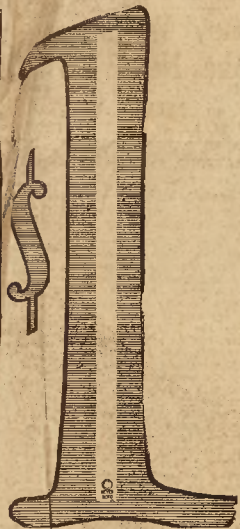
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